U.S. Central Intelligence Agency Director Stansfield Turner said he believed the Russians were trying to compensate for economic and other weaknesses by building a powerful military force. Appearing on the television program, Face the Nation, he also said he thinks the U.S. Soviet military balance "is gradually eroding toward the Soviet side" but he added that the United States "can and will" be able to redress that" potential imbalance "because the people of the United States are perceiving this need."